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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY ON:
House Bill 5703, "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH ON REQUEST OF A
PARENT"

Senator Handley, Representative Sayers, Senator Roraback, Representative Carson and members of the Public Health Committee;

The state of Connecticut at this time does not issue any certificate of birth for those mothers who have delivered a stillborn child. This testimony is in support of HB 5703, **"An act concerning the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth on request of a parent"**

Currently, as per Sec. 7-60 of the Connecticut State Statutes, the State does issue a Fetal Death Certificate for stillborn children, though the birth of that stillborn child is never officially recognized. During these trying times of emotional trauma to women who have undergone a pregnancy resulting in stillbirth, it is a much needed comfort to know that her child, who was never given the chance to live in this world, is at least recognized and remembered for the life it did have prior to stillbirth through the issuance of a certificate of birth, rather than a certificate of death.

As of this year, twenty-one states have adopted and enacted this bill and eight more, Connecticut included, are pending this legislation. I encourage that Connecticut adopt this legislation and give these women and their children the dignity they deserve.